

Dear FCC Commissioners & Staff:

My name is James Hughbanks, and I have been involved with internet related companies for five years now. Hearing that there was a possibility that the FCC is thinking of restricting broadband offerings to only phone companies or cable providers is absurd. Over the past five years I have used independent providers for two reasons, the first being that the service is far superior to the phone or cable company, and the second is bandwidth. See here in Lexington, Kentucky, the phone company is very slow with deploying DSL to customers, as well as after the customer gets connected, the service is slow too. This is because they are servicing too many customers and are too cheap to upgrade their outbound internet connections, as well as they usually have are restricted to the providers they can use. Independent providers help to balance this by taking the bandwidth load off the phone company and taking it on themselves. I hope that you do not pass such a law, and I would like a reply if there is some grave reason why this law would be important. Also I assume this law would affect local businesses as well as the income from broadband connections would be revoked from them. I really like my connection with my independent provider, please do not take it away from me.

Sincerely,

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